

LIBRARY
rec'd 1 7-63

THE BOROUGH OF BRIDPORT.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1962

=====



Telephone Number
Bridport 3172.

Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport,
Dorset.

June, 1963.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors
of the Borough of Bridport.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors,

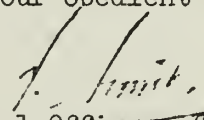
I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year
1962.

The Report is set out in sections in the following order :-

	<u>Pages.</u>
Public Health Staff & Vital Statistics.	1 - 4
Sanitary Circumstances of the area.	5 - 10
Inspection and Supervision of Food.	10 - 11
Housing.	12 - 13
Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious & Other Diseases.	14 - 17
Factories Acts.	18
Riparian Local Authority.	19 - 21

I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and consideration extended to me
by Members of the Council and for the co-operation of my colleagues on the
Council staff, especially Mr. Isnay, the Public Health Inspector, for his
assistance in the preparation of this Report.

I am, your obedient servant,


Medical Officer of Health.



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2017 with funding from
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b28952133>

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....Adan Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
Public Health Inspector.....E. Ismay, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H..
Clerk to the Medical Officer.....Miss B. E. Lawrence.
Clerk to the Public Health
Inspector.....Mrs E.E. Rooke. (part-time)
Rodent Operator.....Mr. J. Tattershall. (part-time)

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	..	..	..	..	..	..	775.
Registrar General's estimate of population	..	..					6,520.
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at end of 1962)	..	..					2,258
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	£103,385
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	£406

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

* Area Comparability Factors	-	Births 1.07	Deaths 0.77
<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	74	40	34
Legitimate.	70	37	33
Illegitimate.	4	3	1
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	-		11.35 Crude 12.14 Corrected.
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births			5.4
<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births	-	Nil.	
<u>Total Live and Still Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	74	40	34
<u>Deaths (all ages)</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	115	49	66
Death rate per 1,000 population.			17.64 Crude 13.58 Corrected.
<u>Infant Deaths under 1 year.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	1	-	1
Legitimate.	1	-	1
<u>Infant Deaths under 4 weeks.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	1	-	1
Legitimate.	1	-	1
<u>Infant Deaths under 1 week.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	1	-	1
Legitimate.	1	-	1
<u>Infant Mortality Rates.</u>			
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births.			13.5
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births.			14.3
Illegitimate " " " " illegitimate live births.			Nil.
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)			13.5
Early Neo-natal " " (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)			13.5
Perinatal " " (Still-births and deaths under 1 wk. combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)			13.5
<u>Maternal Mortality (including abortion)</u>			
Number of deaths.			Nil.
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births.			Nil.
* <u>Note - Comparability Factor.</u>			

This is worked out for each district by the Registrar General.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Registrar General's Official Returns.

	Males.		Females.		Total.
	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	1	-	-	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	2	-	1	-	3
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	3	2	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	1	-	1
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms.	4	2	6	2	14
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes.	-	-	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	5	2	11	5	23
18. Coronary disease, angina.	7	1	7	5	20
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	-	-	-	-	-
20. Other heart disease.	5	1	7	-	13
21. Other circulatory disease.	1	-	1	-	2
22. Influenza.	2	-	1	-	3
23. Pneumonia.	4	1	2	1	8
24. Bronchitis.	4	-	-	-	4
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	-	-	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	-	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	1	1	-	2
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	-	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	1	-	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations.	-	-	-	-	-
32. Other defined & ill defined diseases.	-	1	6	1	8
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	-	-	-	2	2
34. All other accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
35. Suicide.	3	-	-	-	3
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	38	11	47	19	115

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1938	1948	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Population.....	5732	5948	6750	6730	6680	6630	6610	6580	6490	6520
Rateable Value.....	£41366	£44388	£53211	£92448	£92015	£91331	£100248	£101034	£101034	£103385
Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate.....	£162	£181	£208	£395	£360	£390	£390	£400	£406	£406
BIRTHS.										
Live Births.....	67	104	85	82	77	92	77	87	100	74
Legitimate.....	66	99	83	76	72	88	71	80	94	70
Illegitimate.....	1	5	2	6	5	4	6	7	6	4
Still-births.....	4	1	3	1	1	2	3	6	2	-
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	11.7	17.5	12.6	12.2	11.5	13.9	11.7	13.2	15.4	11.4
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....	11.7	17.5	13.8	13	12.3	14.9	12.5	14.1	16.5	12.1
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	15.6	17.9	15.0	15.7	16.1	16.4	16.5	17.1	17.4	18.0
Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....							20.7	19.7	18.7	18.1
DEATHS										
Total Deaths.....	87	89	112	113	107	117	116	90	120	115
Death Rate (crude).....	11.8	15.0	16.6	16.8	16	17.7	17.6	13.7	18.5	17.6
Death Rate (corrected).....			12.5	10.8	10.9	12.9	12.3	10.0	14.3	13.6
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	11.6	10.8	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.5	12.0	11.9
INFANT MORTALITY.										
Deaths under 1 year.....	7	3	1	2	5	-	-	1	2	1
Infantile Death Rate.....	104.5	28.8	11.8	24.4	64.9	-	-	11.5	20	13.5
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	53	33.9	24.9	23.8	23.1	22.5	22.0	21.7	21.4	20.7
Neonatal (Eng. & Wales).....							15.8	15.6	15.5	15.1
MATERNAL MORTALITY.										
Maternal Deaths.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.8	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	2.97	1.02	0.64	0.56	0.47	0.43	0.38	0.39	0.33	0.35

Number of Deaths and Death Rates from Tuberculosis and Cancer
Death Rates per million population.

	Bridport Borough		England & Wales.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Respiratory Tuberculosis.	-	-	2,103	673
Other Tuberculosis.	-	-	180	133
Cancer of lung and bronchus.	2	1	20,279	3,500
Other Cancer.	8	14	34,456	43,364
			1,521	1,805

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The Borough of Bridport comprises 775 acres in area. Its greatest width is in the north, while a long narrow corridor connects it with the sea at West Bay where there are two beaches, separated by the harbour. The manufacture of nets and twines is the staple industry which also employs outworkers in their homes. Other industries are the making of pre-cast concrete buildings, light engineering and brewing, while catering for summer visitors plays a big part in the life of the inhabitants.

Water Supplies.

The West Dorset Water Board took over direct responsibility for the water supply to the Borough on 1st. April, 1959.

West Dorset Water Board's Regional Scheme Phase 1.

By the end of 1962 the West Dorset Water Board had practically completed phase 1 of their Regional Scheme. The works comprised constructing six reservoirs with a total of 1,230,000 gallons capacity and 23 miles of mains. These reservoirs are sited at (a) Litton Cheney (b) North Warren Hill Netherbury (c) Toller Down (d) Dottery (e) Stoke Knapp and (f) Four Ashes, Stoke Abbott. Mains have been laid connecting the Hooke source to Toller Down reservoir and along Beaminster Down to Stoke Knapp reservoir with a spur link to Beaminster reservoir. From Stoke Knapp reservoir, the main continues north through Broadwindsor towards Burstock and also from the reservoir it runs south through Bowood to the reservoir at Four Ashes then through Salway Ash to the reservoir at Dottery from whence it runs east to Bradpole linking with the mains supplying Bridport Borough. At Kingsland, Salway Ash, there is a link main through Netherbury to North Warren Hill reservoir which is also supplied from the Beaminster Down main via the spur to Beaminster reservoir. A main was also laid from Litton Cheney to Askerswell via a temporary reservoir at Bunkers Hill and also from this reservoir to Shipton Gorge. Works at Hooke source were nearly completed.

Phase 11 of the scheme will embrace the construction of three reservoirs of a total of 300,000 gallons capacity and the laying of 14 miles of mains. The reservoirs will be sited at (a) Bunkers Hill, Askerswell (b) South Perrott and (c) Hooke. Mains will be laid down the Asker Valley to connect with the Bradpole mains. From Four Ashes reservoir the main will be laid to Stoke Abbott, and mains will be laid to Chedington, Mosterton, and South Perrott reservoir from the main connecting Toller Down and Stoke Knapp reservoirs. Broadoak will be connected to the reservoir at Dottery and mains will be laid from Bridport to Synondbury, and from Shipton Gorge to Burton Bradstock, Hooke village will be supplied from the Hooke reservoir.

During the year it became possible to take surplus water by gravitation from Beaminster to Bridport via the reservoir situated on North Warren Hill and the mains through Salway Ash and Dottery to Bradpole. The resultant 40,000 gallons per day transferred to the Bridport system improved the pressure throughout the town and enabled the booster pumps at Litton Cheney to be stopped, besides avoiding a water shortage in the Borough, a shortage which had been an annual occurrence.

On 27th. November, the Minister granted the Board an Order to develop the Litton Cheney source. All the restrictions on the supply of water to new building development in the Bridport area were lifted during the latter part of the year,

Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings.

In September, following the decision of the Weymouth Water Works Company not to oppose the formation of a Joint Water Board to include the Company's area, representatives of the Councils of Weymouth Borough, Dorchester Borough, Portland Urban District and Dorchester Rural District decided to inform the Minister that they were prepared to enter into negotiations to form a new Water Board in conjunction with the Authorities now constituting the West Dorset Water Board and that a Joint Committee be formed to consider the terms and conditions

WATER ANALYSES.

Copy of Report from the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London. 31/12/62.

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

	Hooke Source.	Beaninster Langdon Source.	Corscombe Source.	Litton Cheney Heading.
Appearance.	Clear & bright	Bright with a very slight deposit.	Clear & bright.	Bright with a few particles.
Colour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
pH.	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Electric Conductivity.	510	490	500	430
Chlorine present as Chloride.	13	13	13	19
Hardness : total.	270	260	260	215
Carbonate.	240	235	235	195
Non-Carbonate.	30	25	25	20
Nitrate Nitrogen.	2.8	2.9	2.2	2.7
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Iron.	Absent.	0.04	Absent	Absent
Manganese.	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05
Zinc, Copper, Lead.	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent.
Fluoride.	0.10	0.15	0.10	less than 0.1
Turbidity.	Nil	less than 3	Nil	less than 3
Odour,	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide.	22	22	21	19
Dissolved Solids Dried at 180 C.	350	340	340	300
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate.	240	235	235	195
Nitrite Nitrogen.	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent.
Oxygen Absorbed.	0.10	0.10	0.20	0.05
Residual Chlorine.	...	...	...	...

From the aspect of the chemical analysis these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

for a new Water Board, the Joint Committee to be composed of one member from each of the Local Authorities in the South Central Dorset areas, one member of the Dorset County Council and one member from each of the Local Authorities in the West Dorset Water Board's area, the first meeting to be convened by the Town Clerk, Dorchester. This meeting took place on 17th. December. The members were informed that the Weymouth Borough Council had made representations to the Minister asking for a wider merger so as to include the East Dorset Water Board. The meeting decided to request the Dorset County Council to permit the County Treasurer to act as financial advisor to the Joint Committee, and it was also decided, subject to an affirmative reply from the Weymouth Borough Council, to become a member of the Joint Committee, to give instructions for the preparation of a draft Order and for negotiations to be opened with the Weymouth Water Company.

Analyses.

30 samples of mains water which is chlorinated were sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester, for bacteriological analyses. All were satisfactory. I am grateful to the West Dorset Water Board's Engineer for his co-operation.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Joint Sewerage Scheme.

Long Sea Outfall.

Messrs Lenon and Blizzard, the Consultant Engineers appointed by the three West Dorset Local Authorities to investigate this scheme and prepare a preliminary report, issued their report in July. The conclusions set down were that the Consultants are in favour of the Joint Scheme with a Submarine Outfall, both because it is cheaper and because they preferred that method of disposal on engineering and amenity grounds. Two assumptions however are made; firstly, that the selected discharge point will be satisfactory, and secondly, that there is sufficient capacity in the Borough trunk sewers to accommodate the flow from the rural districts. The report goes on to suggest that the next step should be for these two assumptions to be checked by (1) additional tidal current observations, and, (2), by continuous flow recording on the Borough sewers. They also suggested that copies of the report should be sent to the Dorset County Council for observations and to the Ministry for information.

A Joint Meeting of representatives of the Bridport Borough, Bridport Rural and Beaminster Rural District Councils together with the County Public Health Engineer, Assistant Solicitor to Dorset County Council and the Consultant Engineers, was held on 30/10/62, and the following resolutions were passed subject to the approval of the Constituent Authorities:-

1.

- (a) The adoption of the Joint Scheme, in principal, subject to further investigations into (i) the flow in the Borough sewers and (ii) the position of the outfall proving satisfactory;
- (b) The submission of the Consultants' report to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government;
- (c) The formal submission of the report to the County Council for their observations;
- (d) The setting up of a small steering committee or working party;
- (e) The appointment of a Clerk to the Committee.

2.

- (a) The constitution of the Committee to be three representatives from Bridport Borough Council and two each from Bridport Rural and Beaminster Rural District Councils, and that the Committee be known as the "Joint Advisory Committee" and appoint a Chairman from among its members.
- (b) The Committee shall have powers (i) to prepare a joint scheme and submit it to the three constituent authorities; (ii) to make recommendations on financial questions and apportionments between the constituent authorities and on any other consequential matters arising therefrom.

3. Subject to the consent of the Bridport Rural District Council, Mr. E. Andrews, Clerk of the Bridport Rural District Council be appointed Clerk to the Joint Committee.
4. Messrs Lenon and Blizzard be appointed Consulting Engineers to prepare in conjunction with the County Public Health Engineer and a specialist firm of submarine pipeline contractors, a detailed scheme for submission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.
5. The Dorset County Council be requested to allow the County Public Health Engineer to continue as Co-ordinating Officer to the scheme and to negotiate with other interested parties, including the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, the Southern Sea Fisheries District, the Avon and Dorset River Board and to keep the Consulting Engineers informed.
6. The appointment of the existing Committee be terminated upon the appointment of representatives by constituent authorities to the Joint Advisory Committee.

The above resolutions were subsequently agreed to by all the Local Authorities.

In October, the Council agreed that further tidal tests to secure the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, be carried out, and in November the Council accepted a tender for a continuous flow recorder and agreed to purchase a suitable site and hut to house this instrument.

Drainage from Walditch.

In May, the Minister approved the agreement arrived at between the Bridport Borough and Rural District Councils concerning the drainage of the Walditch area into the Borough sewers.

The Pollution of Rivers.

No serious pollution occurs in the rivers Brit, Asker and Sinene during their course through the Borough.

Public Cleansing.

Three men are employed full-time, and three men part-time, in refuse collection. One refuse collection lorry is used full-time and one part-time. The refuse is tipped on a site at Bothenhampton where a man is fully employed to keep the site tidy. Collections are made daily from central business premises and twice weekly from private houses. 1,000 loads of refuse were collected from approximately 2,950 dustbins. Rags and miscellaneous salvage are collected and sold. All tins are tipped on the refuse site, which is in the Bridport Rural District.

Street cleaning was carried out by 3 full-time and 1 part-time sweepers with street orderly carts, and a total of 6 miles were swept daily, 1 mile three times weekly, 2 miles twice weekly, and 3 miles once weekly.

Petroleum Spirit.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.

Petroleum (Regulation) Act, 1928 and 1936.

The Council is responsible for enforcement of licensing conditions where premises are licensed for keeping petroleum spirit.

No. of Petroleum licences granted during the year.....	28.
No. of new applications.....	Nil.
No. of Informal Notices.....	6. Complied with.....
No. of inspections.....	166.
No. of tanks tested (air).....	3. No. of tanks tested (Nitrogen). 2.
No. of tanks tested (Ullage).....	7. No. of petrol pipeline systems tested (air).....
	8.
No. of tanks found defective and renewed..	1.

(one station reconstructed and four existing tanks replaced by three new tanks).

Shops Act.

22 visits were made to 20 premises. No Informal Notices were served, but advice on the Act was frequently sought by shop keepers from the Public Health Inspector.

Smoke Abatement.

Visits made 19. Smoke observations taken 5. These observations revealed no offences being committed under the Clean Air Act. 1956.

Noise Abatement.

No formal action was taken. As a result of a complaint of nuisance from noise in a flat over a grocery store, informal action resulted in the owners of the store carrying out work to the refrigeration plant so as to prevent sound transmission through the frame of the building.

Fouling of Footways by Dogs.

No action was taken under the Byelaws.

Rodent Control and Eradication of Vermin.

One Rodent Officer is employed on a part-time basis. In addition to carrying out surveys and treatments, he also deals with other infestations, such as wasps, flies and fleas in and around private dwellings. Twice yearly sewer treatments are also undertaken in liaison with the Ministry of Agriculture.

The details of infestations are as follows :-

No. of complaints received.....	186.
Treatments carried out.....	288.
Unsatisfactory conditions found.....	14.
" " remedied.....	13.
Total number of visits by operator.....	724.
" " " " " P.H.I.....	187.

Camping Sites.

Apart from a few sites with a single caravan on each, the main site is at West Bay and is owned by the Council who employ a full-time Supervisor and three men during the camping season which lasts from 1st. April - 30th. September. Water is supplied to various standpipes near which are concrete tanks for the reception of foul water and which are emptied regularly by a tank emptier. There are water closets, and hot and cold showers. A daily collection of refuse from covered metal receptacles scattered through the camp field, is made during August and three times a week for the rest of the season. No caravans are allowed to remain on the site after 30th. September. The Hall erected by the Council on the site is much appreciated by the campers as are also the three permanent shops.

Following the introduction of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, the Council have introduced further improvements to the Camp Field by way of water points, extensions to roads, and at present a scheme is under way for a new block of conveniences which will accommodate ladies and gents toilets, deep sinks for washing, etc.

Schools.

These are regularly inspected. All have water closets, piped water and washing facilities. All are supplied daily with Pasteurised milk.

Swimming Facilities.

There is no indoor swimming bath. Bathing takes place during the summer in the sea and in the river mouth which is dammed back for water polo and other aquatic sports.

Flooding.

Extensive road drainage work to abate flooding, was carried out at West Allington by the Dorset County Council, and this work was still in progress at the end of the year.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

No. of inspections.....	1131	(including all inspections)	
No. of Informal Notices.....	103	No. complied with.....	97
No. of Statutory Notices.....	18	No. complied with.....	17

Allocation of Inspections.

Petroleum.....	166	Noise Abatement.....	6
Shops Act.....	22	Smoke Abatement.....	19
Rodent Control.....	187	Factories.....	34
Ice Cream premises.....	29	Milk Premises.....	9
Licensed premises.....	56	Food Premises.....	496
Housing.....	107		

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises by Type.

(1) There are 243 food premises in the district, as follows :-

Food Premises.	Number.	Visits.	Contraventions noted.	Contraventions remedied.	Improvements carried out.
Retail Bakers.	12	17	8	7	-
Bakehouses.	7	33	32	21	5
Butchers.	9	64	16	13	2
Catering Premises.	22	165	47	33	20
Fishmongers.	3	15	3	3	-
Greengrocers.	8	23	-	-	-
Grocers.	30	60	3	2	12
Ice Cream.	65	29	16	16	-
Fried Fish Shops.	3	17	2	1	-
Confectioners.	12	9	-	-	-
Dairies and Milk shops.	4	9	-	-	-
Public Houses.	38	56	52	50	4
Poulters.	2	2	2	2	-
Jam Factory.	1	1	-	-	-
Mobile Grocery.	2	3	1	1	-
Mobile Fried Fish van.	1	2	-	-	-
School Canteens.	2	4	-	-	-
Works Canteens.	6	6	1	1	-
Meat Delivery Vans.	-	3	2	2	-
Kiosks.	10	34	4	4	-
Brewery.	1	10	-	-	5
Houses (Registered Clubs)	3	3	1	-	-
Covered and Street markets.	2	25	4	4	-
Total.	243	590	194	160	48

(2) Food Premises registered under Section 16 of Food and Drugs Act. 1955.

A total of 77 as follows :-

Manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream.....	65.
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale.....	8.
Cooked fish.....	4.

590 inspections were carried out of which 111 were of the registered premises set out in Group 2 above. 55 Informal Notices were served and 50 complied with. The premises are considered to comply reasonably well with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

No Notice was served under the above Byelaws for infringement.

Condemnation of Food.

The following foodstuffs were condemned and disposed of by burial at the Council's refuse tip.

228 lb. Tinned Meat.	16 lb. Tinned Milk.	6 lb. Tinned Fish.
92 lb. Tinned Fruit.	24 lb. Tinned Vegetables.	9 lb. Tinned Soup.
309 lb. Meat.	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Cream.	14 lb. Cheese.
22 lb. Fish.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Canned Puddings.	

Milk Supply.

Since 1961, the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk, or the registration of distributors, was transferred from the Council to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960. The County Council, however, have continued to keep the Council informed of the number of samples taken. 192 samples were taken and they all passed the prescribed test.

10 Dealers' licences to sell Pre-packed milk, 1 to sell Tuberculin Tested, and 1 Pasteuriser's licence were issued.

The Milk (Special Designations)(Specified Areas)(No. 2) Order, 1962.

This Order came into operation on 25/6/62. The effect of this Order is to make obligatory the use of Pasteurised, Sterilised and Tuberculin Tested milk in relation to all retail sales of milk with few exceptions.

The Milk and Dairies (Preservatives) Regulations 1962.

This Regulation came into force on 26/7/62 it makes it illegal for any person to add any preservative to milk or to sell any milk to which any preservative has been added.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. Section 20.

It was not necessary to invoke these Regulations during the year.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-

(a) Manufacture of ice cream.....	1.
(b) Storage and sale of ice cream.....	64.
No. of ice cream premises visited.....	29.
No. of contraventions.....	16.
No. of contraventions remedied.....	16.

34 samples were obtained during the summer months, and of these, 30 were in Grade 1, 3 in Grade 2, and 1 in Grade 3.

Meat Inspection.

There is no slaughterhouse in the Borough, the previous one having been vacated on 31/12/60. The retailers obtain their meat from outside the district, and this arrangement seems to be working satisfactorily.

In conjunction with the County Pathologist, samples of meat are being taken from Butchers' shops over a period of a year commencing 8th. October, 1962, to ascertain the amount of salmonella infection in slaughtered animals and slaughter houses. 4 samples were taken by the end of the year and all were negative to salmonella.

HOUSING.

14 new houses were completed at Skilling. Progress was made towards the 14 additional dwellings for Old People on the Fullbrooks Estate but this work was delayed owing to the fact that a building on the site awaiting demolition was a scheduled building under the Town and Country Planning Acts.

In response to the Ministry's circular aimed at an increase in the number of houses improved with the aid of improvement grants, the Council submitted proposals by the end of the year which included (a) a survey of property in the Borough to see what improvement was practicable (b) "Better Homes Week" exhibition to be held early in 1963 and an "Exhibition House" showing the conversion of a house into two separate flats which will be open to the public.

Welfare Services for Old People.

At the Joint Committee meeting on services for Old People held in November, an approved constitution was adopted and the committee were taking steps to be registered as a charity under the Charities Act. 1960. It was felt that the prime purpose of the Joint Committee was to act as a co-ordinating committee between the various voluntary organisations in the district so as to prevent overlapping of services provided.

During the year the National Assistance Act 1948 (Amendment) Act 1962 came in to force. The Act enables Local Authorities to assist voluntary organisations in the provision of meals and recreation facilities for old people by making contributions to the cost of the service.

Slum Clearance.

During the year :-

3 Clearance Orders were made involving 16 houses :-

1, 3, 5 & 7 Parsonage Road.
3, 4, 5 & 6 West End Row.
150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162 and 164 North Allington.
All are subject to Ministerial approval.

3 Demolition Orders were made involving 3 houses :-

27, Rope Walks.
29, Rope Walks.
94c North Allington.

3 properties which were the subject of undertakings not to relet were demolished by the owner :-

12, Ellens Row.
13, Ellens Row.
14, Ellens Row.

6 Closing Orders made included :-

154 North Allington.
3 Gundry Lane.
3/4 Stover Place, St. Michael's Lane.
5 Stover Place, St. Michael's Lane.
68B, West Street.

Undertakings that the property should not be relet were accepted by the Council in lieu of making Demolition or Closing Orders in the following cases :-

1, Flood House, Flood Lane.
3, Flood House, Flood Lane.

One house previously the subject of an undertaking not to relet was reconditioned and the formal Undertaking determined by the Council.

Houses demolished in pursuance of Slum Clearance, included :-

27, Rope Walks.	1, George Street.
29, Rope Walks.	6, St. Andrew's Well.
12, Ellens Row.	7, St. Andrew's Well.
13, Ellens Row,	8, St. Andrew's Well.
14, Ellens Row.	

Housing Programme.

New Council dwellings for re-housing families from Classification 1V properties and others on the waiting list for housing, are still only being provided at a very slow rate, and the inability to offer alternative accommodation has retarded the slum clearance programme.

There were 145 persons on the housing list at the end of the year.

Inspection of dwelling houses.

No. of houses inspected for defects.....	71.	
No. of inspections.....	107.	
No. found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or dangerous and unfit for habitation.....	71.	
No. of Informal Notices under Public Health Act. served.....	42.	
" " " " " " " " complied with.....	42.	
" " " " " Housing Act. served.....	-	
" " " " " " " " complied with.....	-	
" " Formal " " Public Health Act. served.....	17.	
" " " " " " " " complied with.....	16.	
" " " " " Housing Act. served.....	1.	
" " " " " " " " complied with.....	1.	
" " Denolition Orders made.....	3.	
" " Closing Orders made (including one underground room).....	6.	
" " Undertakings accepted.....	2.	
" " Clearance Orders made.....	3.	
Overcrowding.....	1. Overcrowding abated.....	1.
No. of Undertakings entered into with owners to do work to render dwellings fit.....	8.	

Re-housing.

No. of new houses completed during 1962 by :-	
(a) Local Authority.....	14.
(b) Private Enterprise.....	8.
No. of new houses in course of construction at 31/12/62 by :-	
(a) Local Authority.....	10.
(b) Private Enterprise.....	16.

Post War Houses.

Completed by Local Authority	(a) Houses..... 214)	354.
	(b) Flats..... 140)	
Completed by Private Enterprise.....		177.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority :-		
	Council built houses..... 565)	658.
	Other dwellings..... 93)	

Rent Act.

No of applications for Certificates of disrepair.....	Nil.
" " Undertakings received to carry out repairs.....	Nil.
" " Certificates of disrepair issued.....	Nil.

Improvement Grants.

Details of both discretionary and standard grant applications received during the year are as follows :-

	<u>Discretionary Grants.</u>	<u>Standard Grants.</u>
No. of applications received.....	Nil.	24
" " " approved.....	Nil.	22
" " " refused.....	Nil.	2
" " " withdrawn.....	Nil.	Nil.
Value of grants approved.....	Nil.	£2,955.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

The incidence of notifiable Infectious Diseases was the lowest for very many years.

Two cases of Sonnei Dysentery occurred but no cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

Five of the seven cases of Pneumonia were due to Influenza.

Close co-operation was maintained with Head Teachers and School Nurses regarding the control of Infectious Diseases in schools.

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council. When not performed by the child's own doctor, immunisation is given at the Health Centre and the schools.

The following table shows the number who were immunised.

B.C.G.	Polionyelitis.			Diphtheria.		Whooping Cough.		Tetanus.		Smallpox.	
		P.	3rd. 4th.	P.	B.	P.	B.	P.	B.	B.	B.
* 149.	Oral.	34.	37. 1.								
	Salk.	40.	63. 8.	89.	105.	86.	54.	131.	67.	155.	121.

P = Primary. B = Booster.

* This figure includes children aged 13 years, other than those from the Borough, who are attending the Alfred Colfox School.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.
Section 47, Removal of Persons in need of Care and
Attention to suitable premises.

There were no cases during the year where it was necessary to proceed under this Section of the Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1962.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 65										and over.
		year	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	
Dysentery.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Measles.....	3	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary).....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Total.	15	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	3	3	4

QUARTERLY NOTIFICATIONS.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st 2nd 3rd 4th							
		Qrt.	Qrt.	Qrt.	Qrt.	Qrt.	Qrt.	Qrt.	Qrt.
Dysentery.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Measles.....	3	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	7	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary).....	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Total.	15	2	8	3	8	3	2	2	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1938, 1940, 1947 - 1962.

	1938	1940	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Diphtheria.....	1	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Erysipelas.....	3	1	2	2	5	3	2	3	-	2	3	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	3	6	11	4	9	16	2	1	16	2	-	-	-	2	1	5	-	-
Enteric Fever (Inc. Typhoid).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	7	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia.....	7	3	-	1	4	2	14	5	10	11	3	4	17	11	7	4	6	7
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	7	-	8	5	-	2	6	1	6	1	4	5	4	9	3	2	1	1
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	2	-	3	1	1	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Measles.....	UK	129	2	85	3	162	45	3	5	2	377	7	11	6	172	-	151	3
Whooping Cough.....	UK	1	36	14	21	22	25	64	39	11	-	-	89	3	5	5	-	2
Totals.	24	163	66	114	44	216	98	79	83	30	387	18	122	32	190	22	160	15

TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases Notified during 1962.</u>				<u>Deaths during 1962</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0-4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-64.	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
65 & over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

New Cases and Mortality
1938 - 1962.

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1938.	4	3	-	2	2	1	-	-
1939.	5	3	-	1	2	1	-	-
1940.	4	3	1	1	3	1	-	1
1941.	2	3	1	4	2	3	-	1
1942.	7	3	1	1	1	2	-	1
1943.	-	2	2	2	2	3	-	1
1944.	6	2	2	-	-	1	1	-
1945.	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
1946.	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
1947.	4	4	2	1	2	-	1	-
1948.	2	3	-	1	-	2	-	1
1949.	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
1950.	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
1951.	3	3	1	1	1	-	-	-
1952.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1953.	4	2	2	1	1	-	-	-
1954.	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
1955.	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
1956.	3	2	-	-	1	1	-	-
1957.	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
1958.	6	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
1959.	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
1960.	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
1961.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases on the Register at the end of 1961.	22	9	1	1
New cases notified during 1962.	1	-	-	-
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the district.	1	-	-	-
Removals from district into other areas.	1	2	-	-
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	3	1	-	-
Deaths during 1962.	1	-	-	-
Total on Register at the end of 1962.	19	6	1	1

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Part 1 of the Act.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises. (1)	Number on Register. (2)	Number of		Occupiers prosecuted. (5)
		Inspections. (3)	Written Notices. (4)	
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	75	32	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total.	77	34	1	-

Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of Cases in which prosecutions were inst.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S1)	1	1	-	1	-
Overcrowding. (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation. (S4)	1	-	1	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	25	20	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	27	27	1	1	-

Part V111 of the Act

Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of outworkers in August list requ- ired by Sec.110 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises.	Notices Served..	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Nets	229	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing apparel	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	233	-	-	-	-	-

BRIDPORT RIPARIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Section 1 - Staff *

NO CHANGE.

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious diseases on board.
			By the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports.	11	1889	2	11	Nil.
Coastwise.	6	809	-	1	Nil.
	17	2698	2	12	Nil.

Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic - Nil.

Cargo Traffic. { Principal IMPORTS - Timber and Potash.
{ Principal EXPORTS - Gravel.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive are in Sweden Finland and Belgium.

Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic. - Nil.

Section V - Water Supply * NO CHANGE.

Section VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952 *

(1) List of Infected Areas. (Regulation 6)

The World Health Organisation's Weekly Epidemiological Record is received by the Medical Officer of Health.

(2) - (5) NO CHANGE.

Section VII - Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Weyhill Hospital, Andover.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital.

Dorset County Ambulance Service.

(3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace, Weymouth, Dr. A.F. Turner and Dr. C. Hollins, Dorchester.

(4) Facilities of Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to - Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London N.W.9.
Tel. No. - Colindale 6041.

Section VII1 - Venereal Disease *

NO CHANGE.

Section 1X - Cases of Notifications and other Infectious Diseases on ships.

TABLE D.

Category.	Disease.	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X - Observation on the occurrence of malaria in ships - Nil.

Section X1 - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague - Nil.

Section X11 - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) Routine inspection in ships from foreign ports is made.
- (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents are made with the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No rats were sent during the year.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats.....	Nil.
Brown rats.....	Nil.
Species not known.....	Nil.
Sent for examination.....	Nil.
Infected with plague.....	Nil.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued.	Total Certificates issued.
After fumigation with H.C.N.	Other fumigant (State Method)	After Trapping.	* After Poisoning.	Total.		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

* State Poisons used and No. of Certificates issued after each poison.

Section X111 - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.

Inspection and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.	Notices Served.		Result of Serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices.	Other Notices	
British 1	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Foreign. 13	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948 *

NO CHANGE.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens *

NO CHANGE.

Section XVI - Miscellaneous *

NO CHANGE.
